

Message

From: VanAlstine, Julie [VanAlstine.Julie@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/29/2021 12:02:02 PM
To: Vogel, Dana [Vogel.Dana@epa.gov]
CC: Wilbur, Donald [Wilbur.Donald@epa.gov]; Akerman, Gregory [Akerman.Gregory@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: PRESS INQUIRY: Questions about pesticide regulation

Hi Dana,

David's group is finishing up the epi and I haven't seen it yet. I'll check and see where it is. Thanks for the heads up on this one.

-Julie

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From: Vogel, Dana <Vogel.Dana@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 7:46 AM
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Cc: Wilbur, Donald <Wilbur.Donald@epa.gov>; Akerman, Gregory <Akerman.Gregory@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: PRESS INQUIRY: Questions about pesticide regulation
Importance: High

Hu Julie, see the inquiry forwarded below. Forwarding for awareness only. This may come up again when the DRA goes out so we may want to look into some of the cancer claims relating to new studies being available now. Has David's group done the updated epi/incidents review yet? what does it show? Where these studies included?

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 7:37 AM
To: Vogel, Dana <Vogel.Dana@epa.gov>; Akerman, Gregory <Akerman.Gregory@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Donald <Wilbur.Donald@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PRESS INQUIRY: Questions about pesticide regulation
Importance: High

Hi Dana,

Thanks for the insight. I spoke with my management and we decided to take the simple route with this response:

EPA is following the next steps in the registration review process for malathion in accordance with President Biden's commitment to protect human health and the environment.

The 30-day public comment period for the notice of receipt of requests to voluntarily delete certain uses and cancel certain products containing the pesticides atrazine, simazine and malathion is now open and available in docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0377 at www.regulations.gov.

Mike had some feedback:

Where it is in reg review?

Thinking it would be helpful to also point to the latest cancer assessment in the docket.

Best,

Rhina M. Lara (*she/her/hers*)

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From: Vogel, Dana <Vogel.Dana@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 2:10 PM

To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Akerman, Gregory <Akerman.Gregory@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Donald <Wilbur.Donald@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: PRESS INQUIRY: Questions about pesticide regulation

Rhina, Unfortunately I do not. There is a long history here on this chemical that predates the HED IO and as you may know, it is a bit complicated so it would be good to go with the messaging that has been approved in the past. Is there anyone else in comms you can check with? If HED has to rewrite it may take a few days and will need senior level review. What is the timing of this request?

Dana

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 1:54 PM

To: Vogel, Dana <Vogel.Dana@epa.gov>; Akerman, Gregory <Akerman.Gregory@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Donald <Wilbur.Donald@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: PRESS INQUIRY: Questions about pesticide regulation

Importance: High

Hi Dana,

I searched our files and all I could find (attached) are biological evaluations and a recent desk statement on the cancellation of some uses. I'm sure Carissa has written on the human health effects/carcinogenic risk of malathion in the past, but I can't seem to dig it up. Do you happen to have a copy of the comms you are referring to?

Best,

Rhina M. Lara (*she/her/hers*)

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From: Vogel, Dana <Vogel.Dana@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 12:59 PM

To: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>; Akerman, Gregory <Akerman.Gregory@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Donald

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Subject: RE: PRESS INQUIRY: Questions about pesticide regulation

Hi Rhina,

I think there may be some existing comms that we have used in the past to address similar inquiries. Can you see if you can find those?

Dana

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 12:25 PM

To: Vogel, Dana <Vogel.Dana@epa.gov>; Akerman, Gregory <Akerman.Gregory@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Donald <Wilbur.Donald@epa.gov>

Subject: PRESS INQUIRY: Questions about pesticide regulation

Importance: High

Hi All,

We have a follow-up question from the same reporter but this time on malathion. Looks like she just wants a comment from us on the following. Do we have anything we can say?

Incoming:

Sorry there's one - hopefully last - thing I should run by you. After speaking with several people involved and reviewing the documents attached below, I noted the following about malathion. I welcome EPA's perspective on this:

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Best,
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From: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 10:51 AM
To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; OPS CSID CB <OPS_CSID_CB@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Questions about pesticide regulation

Making sure you all have this as well.

From: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Questions about pesticide regulation

Ken,

Making sure you have this email as well from Sharon as well.

From: Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 7:15 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Questions about pesticide regulation

Hi Cathy-
I just noticed that you guys didn't respond to this part about malathion.
thanks
Sharon

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On Jun 21, 2021, at 3:37 PM, Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com> wrote:

Hi Robert, Ken and Nancy-
Sorry there's one - hopefully last - thing I should run by you. After speaking with several people involved and reviewing the documents attached below, I noted the following about malathion. I welcome EPA's perspective on this:

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<Dementi Critique of malathion PWG.pdf>
<BAD SLJ 06.20.05 EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0618-0028.2[1].pdf>
<BAD SLJ 09.28.06 EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0618-0028.1[1].pdf>
<PSI Grievance Post hearing brief.pdf>

Please get me all of the outstanding responses by Thursday.

Thank you,
Sharon

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On Jun 21, 2021, at 1:21 PM, Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com> wrote:

Hi Ken and Robert-

I'd like to add one more question to my follow-ups:

You mentioned in your response that 8,846 pesticide products (i.e., registrations) have been reviewed and accepted to meet the requirements of the REDs for the active ingredients in each product.

My question is: how many are still awaiting review? i.e. 8,846 have been completed out of how many overall?

Thanks,

Sharon

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On Jun 18, 2021, at 2:40 PM, Daguillard, Robert
<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Sharon. Ken will get back to you when we return to the office on Monday.

Enjoy the weekend – hopefully sunny where you are.

Robert Daguillard

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>

Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 2:25 PM

To: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>

Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Questions about pesticide regulation

Hi Ken-

I have three follow-up questions:

When you say "Additionally, 12,056 pesticide products were cancelled during the Reregistration process," do you mean voluntarily cancelled - ie that the companies agreed not to reregister them? or involuntarily?

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Thanks,
Sharon

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On Jun 17, 2021, at 4:16 PM, Labbe, Ken
<Labbe.Ken@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Sharon, Please see our responses below:

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6. QUESTION: Are bonuses for OPP staff sometimes based or partially based on the number of pesticides registered or reregistered?

RESPONSE:

EPA does not award bonuses to staff based on the number of pesticide registrations issued.

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